

APPEAL NO. 030349
FILED APRIL 3, 2003

This appeal arises pursuant to the Texas Workers' Compensation Act, TEX. LAB. CODE ANN. § 401.001 *et seq.* (1989 Act). A contested case hearing was held on December 4, 2002. With respect to the disputed issues before her, the hearing officer determined that the respondent's (claimant) compensable injury of _____, does extend to include carpal tunnel syndrome and median nerve latency of the left upper extremity, and that the claimant had disability from January 16 through April 22, 2001, as a result of his compensable injury. The hearing officer further concluded that the claimant reached maximum medical improvement on April 21, 2001, with an impairment rating of 25%, as certified, in an amended report, by his designated doctor. The appellant (carrier) appeals on sufficiency of the evidence grounds. The claimant responds, urging that the hearing officer be affirmed.

DECISION

Affirmed.

We have reviewed the complained-of determinations. The parties presented conflicting evidence and argued differing theories on the contested issues. Under the 1989 Act, the hearing officer is the sole judge of the weight and credibility of the evidence. Section 410.165(a). The hearing officer was acting within her province as the fact finder in resolving the evidence in favor of the claimant and nothing in our review of the record demonstrates that the hearing officer's determination is so against the great weight of the evidence as to be clearly wrong or manifestly unjust. Pool v. Ford Motor Company, 715 S.W.2d 629, 635 (Tex. 1986); Cain v. Bain, 709 S.W.2d 175, 176 (Tex. 1986).

The hearing officer's decision and order is affirmed.

The true corporate name of the insurance carrier is **AMERICAN HOME ASSURANCE COMPANY** and the name and address of its registered agent for service of process is

**CORPORATION SERVICE COMPANY
800 BRAZOS, SUITE 750
AUSTIN, TEXAS 78701.**

Terri Kay Oliver
Appeals Judge

CONCUR:

Gary L. Kilgore
Appeals Judge

Edward Vilano
Appeals Judge